

MINUTES OF THE BEAVERTON SISTER CITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, September 24, 2012

Beaverton City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Jason Dempsey, Jeffrey Ressler, Jordan Wittren, Kellie Stellingwerf, Megan Kirkpatrick, Michael Kalkofen, Penny Hanson, Stan Tellin, Ted Chung

City of Beaverton Support Specialist 2: Cynthia Rozanc , Board Liaison: Ian King, City Councilor

ABSENT: Brian Bost, Karen Yeong, Linda Wilson, Rahmiel Mitchell,

VISITOR: Natalie Verdi – interested in Sister Cities Program. Natalie is from Armenia, and in addition to speaking Russian and English, she is learning French!*

MINUTES: minutes of the July and August meetings were approved with no changes with a unanimous vote after a motion by Jason Dempsey and a second by Jordan Wittren.

FESTIVAL JAPAN 2012 – Saturday Sept. 29 & 30, 2012

Ted volunteered to help on Sat. from 3:00-5:00

Cynthia showed the graphic panels that will be displayed

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Trossingen Exchange – August 2013, 20th anniversary of the German Sister City. The City Council has been discussing doing an Oktoberfest style event in celebration of the Trossingen Mayor's visit. Would Sister Cities Board be interested in helping to coordinate?

ADVISORY BOARD TERMS AND OFFICERS

We need to be able to vote for new officers by November. New people will come on board in January as appointed by the Mayor. Board members should submit their name to Cynthia by the next meeting if they are interested in a Board executive position.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

The Round garden project

The designers working on the plan met at the site and mapped out a possible layout for the garden. Michael showed a drawing which shows a possible plan. One idea is for colored concrete that could enable the country's flags or other symbols be incorporated.

Beaverton Intercultural Council

The next meeting is planned for October. Jordan and Karen are possible liaisons with that board.

Exchange Update

Jordan made a motion that it's OK for the picture of Mt. Fuji which was a gift to Sister City to hang in an office in City Hall since it won't fit in the Sister Cities display case – Jason seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous in favor.

Explore additional Sister Cities

The board continues to explore the option of adding Sister Cities through surveys and outreach.

Goals for next year:

Adding another Sister City
Getting BIC up and running
Trossingen event

The board should give more thought to goals and bring them to the next meeting.

Adjournment

Jason motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kellie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

*Cynthia Lee Rozanc added on 17 November 2012.